



Wyoming National Guard

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- **What All Those Terms & Acronyms Mean**

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Constitutional Basis for the Wyoming National Guard

US Constitution: Article I, Section 8, Clause 15, authorizes the state militias. The Clause gives Congress the power to pass laws for "calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions." The traditional state militias became what is now the National Guard formally through the Militia Act of 1903.

Article II, Section 2, states the President of the United States is the commander-in-chief of the state militias "when called into the actual Service of the United States."

Wyoming Constitution: Ratified in 1889, Article 17 provides for a state militia (which had been in place since 1870) which is now the Wyoming National Guard.

Section 5 of Article 17 provides the Governor is the commander-in-chief with the "power to call out the militia to preserve the public peace, to execute the laws of the state, to suppress insurrection or repel invasion."



National Guard Overview

54 National Guards in US

- All states plus Dist. of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and US Virgin Islands
- Combat Reserve of the Army and Air Force

National Guard Bureau (NGB)

- Led by 4-Star General Officer, who is now member of Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Oversees Resources/Federal Money plus Policies for 54
- **Federal** Mission Taskings
 - President -> Sec'y of Defense -> Active Duty -> AD/Reserve Units
 - OR ->NGB ->National Guard

Governor of Wyoming (Commander-in-Chief)

- Calls members to State Active Duty (SAD) through The Adjutant General (TAG) to meet Wyoming Emergencies OR a Request for Assistance from other States



Active Duty vs. Guard

	Active Duty (AD) – “TITLE 10”	National Guard (Guard) – “Title 32”
Command	President/Service Secretary	Governor (Only when on Duty)
Pay	Federal	Federal (unless called to SAD)
Duty Assignments	Ordered from Federal Command - Worldwide	Usually Voluntarily Apply - In Wyoming
Choice to Move	May have a few options on location/duty but must move –Permanent Change of Station (PCS)	Move only if accept new position in WY National Guard or if choose to leave WY
Length in Place	Typically 2-4 years	Often Entire Career
Deployments	Ordered to deploy by Federal Command Chain	Usually Ordered to Deploy by Governor/State NG Command to meet Federal Mission Tasking
WY Location	F. E. Warren AFB in Cheyenne (plus a few ROTC & Recruiters elsewhere)	ARNG: 15 Communities around WY ANG: Only in Cheyenne



Where the National Guard Fits in the Department of Defense

Total Number in Uniform

2.2 Million

Active Duty

All Branches
(Army, Navy/Marines,
Air Force)

1.28 Million

National Guard

Army & Air Only

450,000

Reserves

All Branches
(Army, Navy, Marines,
Air Force)

510,000



Wyoming National Guard Composition

Total Employees – All Types

3128

Drill Status
Guardsmen:
2347
ARNG: 1301
ANG: 1046

Dual Status
Technicians: 385*
ARNG: 186
ANG: 199
*Part of DSG No.

Active Guard
Reserve: 474
ARNG: 220
ANG: 254

State Employees:
231

Non-Dual Status
Technicians: 76
ARNG: 45
ANG: 31

Current as of Sept 2019



Wyoming National Guard Composition

Drill Status Guardsman – Also Called “DSG,” “M-Day,” or “Traditional Guardsman”

- Part-time Title 32 Federal Military Members
- The 'One Weekend, 2 Weeks a year' majority of the force
- Only on duty, in uniform, when ordered for training or operations-Rest of time pure civilian

Active Guard Reserve – “AGR”

- Full time Title 32 Federal Military Members – Same Pay and Benefits as Active Duty
- In Uniform

Dual Status Technician – “Technician” or “Mil Tech”

- Full time Title 32 Federal Civilian Employees
- Required to also be DSG members of Guard to hold job
- In Uniform – causes confusion- look just like AGRs, Guardsmen on orders and AD

Non-Dual Status Technicians – “Title 5s”

- Full time Title 5 Federal Civilian Employees
- NOT in Uniform – civilian clothes
- NOT required to also be DSG members of Guard to hold job but can be





Military Terms and Acronyms

Handout you can keep with you!

Let us know what else you want defined

Questions?



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